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Title: The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri S.B.P.B.K. Satyanarayana Rao, member of 13th Lok Sabha.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of our former colleague, Shri S.B.P.B.K. Satyanarayana Rao.

Shri S.B.P.B.K. Satyanarayana Rao was a Member of the Thirteenth Lok Sabha from 1999 to 2004, representing the Rajahmundry Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Rao was a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 1958 to 1962 and from 1980 to 1984.

Shri Rao served as the Minister of State for Agriculture in the Union Government from October, 1999 to September, 2000. He was also a Member of the Committee on Human Resource Development during the Thirteenth Lok Sabha.

A committed social and political worker, Shri Rao started his political career at the grass root level. He was the President of the Panchayat Samiti, East Godavari from 1959 to 1964 and the Chairman of the Zilla Parishad, East Godavari from 1964 to 1976. Shri Rao strove for the welfare of the poor, downtrodden and the deprived sections of the society.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Rao was a member of the Gymkhana Club, Chennai and the Cosmopolitan Club, Chennai. He was instrumental in conducting numerous district sports meets for students from the State of Andhra Pradesh.

A patron of arts, Shri Rao was closely associated with various cultural institutions in Andhra Pradesh and worked to promote ancient culture and traditional art forms of the country.

Shri S.B.P.B.K. Satyanarayana Rao passed away on 21 January, 2011 in Hyderabad at the age of 89.

We deeply mourn the loss of our friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.